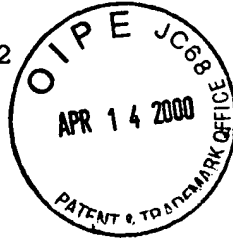


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) Decreased Fat Absorption
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) Antibody
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In response to the Official action (Paper No. 13) please enter the following amendment:

In the Abstract, page 17, line 3, cancel "any animal" and substitute -- a mammal --; same line, before "fed" insert -- orally --.

Amend claims 1, 8, 18 and 27 as follows:

1. (Four times amended) A method for inhibiting pancreatic lipase so as to reduce fat absorption in [mammals] a post-suckling mammal by orally feeding said [mammals] mammal an avian antibody that binds to pancreatic lipase in the gastro-intestinal tract of said mammal to inhibit the fat-hydrolyzing activity of said pancreatic lipase.

8. (Thrice amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said mammal is a non-ruminant and wherein prior to the step of feeding said [mammals the] mammal said avian antibody, said antibody [was] is produced in avian eggs.

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